



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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AGENDA

Meeting of April 17, 2002

10:30 a.m., Room 202, Second Floor, Cross State Office Building
Augusta, Maine

Swearing in of new Commission Members.

Election of Commission Chair.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Ratification of Minutes of February 13, 2002 meeting.
2. Ratification of Minutes of February 15, 2002 special telephonic meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Publication of lengths of terms for new Commission Members
4. Status of pending legislation:
 - A. LD2169, "An Act to Ensure Proper Disbursement of Matching Funds Under the Maine Clean Election Act,; and
 - B. LD2183, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions Amendments, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices."

NEW BUSINESS

5. Late Joint Lobbyist/Employer Registration:
Dennise D. Whitley, Lobbyist for American Heart Association New England Affiliate
Due January 2002; Filed 2/25/02 – >15 business days after exceeding 8 hours lobbying
No previous late filings this biennium
Penalty: \$200.00
Recommendation: \$100.00 (see letter dated March 20, 2002)
6. Late January Lobbyist Monthly Disclosure Reports:
 - A. Edward Willey, Lobbyist for AFSCME Council 93
Due 2/15/02; Filed 2/19/02 – 4 days late
No previous late filings this biennium
Penalty: \$100.00
Recommendation: \$50.00 (see letter dated March 4, 2002)



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- B. Martin I. Eisenstein, Lobbyist for Great Northern Paper, Inc.
Due 2/15/02; Filed 2/19/02 – 4 days late
No previous late filings this biennium
Penalty: \$100.00
Recommendation: \$50.00 (see letter dated March 6, 2002)
- C. Christine G. Crocker, Lobbyist for Maine Indoor Air Quality Council
Due 2/15/02; Filed 2/19/02 – 4 days late
No previous late filings this biennium
Penalty: \$100.00
Recommendation: \$50.00 (see letter dated March 26, 2002)
7. Late February Lobbyist Monthly Disclosure Reports:
- A. Kellie P. Miller, Lobbyist for Maine Osteopathic Association
Due 3/15/02; Filed 3/19/02 – 4 days late
No previous late filings this biennium
Penalty: \$100.00
Recommendation: Waive in full (see letter dated March 19, 2002)
- B. Sandra J. Mathieu, Lobbyist for Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Maine
Due 3/15/02; Filed 3/20/02 – 5 days late
No previous late filings this biennium
Penalty: \$100.00
Recommendation: \$50.00 (see letter dated March 26, 2002)
- C. Catherine Gavin, Lobbyist for Maine Healthcare Purchasing Collaborative
Due 3/15/02; Filed 3/18/02 – 3 days late
No previous late filings this biennium
Penalty: \$100.00
Recommendation: \$50.00 (see letter dated March 27, 2002)
8. Ms. Betty J. Grant: Letter dated March 15, 2002, requesting investigation of allegations that Senator Michaud's chief of staff was running his Lewiston campaign headquarters while being paid with tax dollars.
Recommendation: Dismiss due to lack of Commission jurisdiction.
9. Mr. James F. Thiel: Letter received March 21 and April 2, 2002, requesting waiver of Maine Clean Election qualification requirements regarding seed money.
Recommendation: Grant waiver based upon *bona fide* attempt to comply with requirements by first time MCEA candidate.

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10. Ms. Joyce M. Packard: Letter dated March 26, 2002, requesting waiver of Maine Clean Election qualification requirements regarding premature expenditures.
Recommendation: Grant waiver based upon *bona fide* attempt to comply with requirements by first time MCEA candidate.
11. Rep. Glenn Cummings: Letter dated April 8, 2002, requesting waiver of Maine Clean Election requirements resulting from overspending primary distribution amount.
Recommendation: Reduce general election distribution amount by \$5 and consider assessment of appropriate penalty in accordance with 21A M.R.S.A. §1127(1), due to Rep. Cummings prior experience as a MCEA candidate.
12. Rep. John Tuttle, Jr.: Letter dated April 3, 2002, requesting the Commission to investigate the campaign ads being run by U. S. Term Limits in opposition to LD 1340.
Recommendation: Dismiss due to lack of Commission jurisdiction.
13. Democratic Party Requests:
 - A. Clean Elections Qualifying Contribution Records: Kurt W. Adams, Esq., letter dated March 22, 2002
 - B. Request for Advisory Opinion: Clean Elections Act: Kurt W. Adams, Esq., letter dated April 3, 2002
 - C. Request for Investigation: Carter for Governor: Kurt W. Adams, Esq., letter dated April 5, 2002
14. Commission Staff Personnel: Status report; information only.
15. Other: Miscellaneous as needed.
16. Executive Session: If necessary.

ADJOURNMENT